

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1530**

**Introduced by Assembly Member La Malfa**

February 22, 2005

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An act to add Chapter 33 (commencing with Section 7599) to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to public funds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1530, as introduced, La Malfa. Public funds: membership dues.

Existing law generally prohibits the expenditure of public funds other than for a public purpose.

This bill would expressly prohibit the state or any political subdivision from paying membership dues to any organization, trade association, or other entity that expends money for any political campaign, including any election matter involving a candidate or ballot initiative.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 33 (commencing with Section 7599) is  
2 added to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 33. EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

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6 7599. Neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions  
7 shall pay membership dues to any organization, trade association,  
8 or other entity that expends money for any political campaign,

1 including any election matter involving a candidate or ballot  
2 measure.

3 For the purposes of this chapter, an association shall be deemed  
4 to be spending money in violation of this chapter, if it or any of  
5 its affiliated organizations has created a political action  
6 committee or supported a campaign governed by the Political  
7 Reform Act of 1974 (Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000)).

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